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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUKAVU 0064

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, CG  
SUBJ: THE MOOD IN KIVU

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1. THE MOOD IN KIVU IS NOT GOOD. A MONTH AFTER KOLWEZI THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF IT ARE STILL STRONG. ON THE SURFACE ALL IS QUIET, BUT THERE IS MORE APPREHENSION THAN USUAL THAT THIS TRANQUILITY MAY NOT CONTINUE. THE DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC (REFTEL) HAVE ADDED TO THE GENERAL FEELING OF MALAISE. MANY EUROPEANS HAVE TAKEN SUMMER VACATION EARLY THIS YEAR, OTHERS HAVE SENT THEIR FAMILIES AWAY ON VACATION AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, AND SOME OTHERS SPEAK OF NOT RENEWING THEIR CONTRACTS WHEN THEY EXPIRE. WHEREAS THE MOOD QUICKLY RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER THE END OF THE 1977 ATTACK, THE END OF SHABA II HAS BROUGHT A CONSENSUS THAT THE REGIME'S PROBLEMS ARE ONLY BEGINNING. MANY PEOPLE VOICE CONCERN THAT THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF KILWEZI MAY AGGRAVATE THE ALREADY DETERIORATING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND LEAD TO AN  
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EVEN MORE POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION THAN ALREADY EXISTS.

2. ZAIRIAN INTELLECTUALS ARE NOW MORE BITTER AND OUT-SPOKEN IN THEIR CRITICISMS OF THE REGIME. THEY VOICE SEVERAL COMMON THEMES, PARTICULARLY THAT SHABA II SHOWED MOBUTU'S VULNERABILITY AND THE TOTAL INEFFECTIVENESS OF

HIS REGIME, AND THAT IT REMOVED ANY DDOUBT THAT MOBUTU  
COULD REMAIN IN POWER WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE WEST.  
THERE IS SOME RESENTMENT OF THE WEST'S RESCUE OF MOBUTU,  
AND MUCH WOUNDED PRIDE FROM THE REALIZATION THAT IMF  
OFFICIALS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN TROOPS IN THE  
FIELD ARE NEEDED TO KEEP THINGS TOGETHER. BUT WHILE  
SOME ZAIRIAN INTELLECTUALS SAY THAT MOBUTU SHOULD RE-  
SIGN, OTHERS SAY THAT THE TIME HAS PASSED WHEN THAT  
WOULD DO ANY GOOD. EUROPEANS AND MANY ZAIRIANS PIN THEIR  
HOPES ON THE WEST -- ON WESTERN PRESSURE ON MOBUTU FOR  
REAL REFORM -- AS THE ONLY WAY TO IMPROVE THE PRESENT  
SITUATION WITHOUT VIOLENCE.  
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